



Tennessee Crop Weather

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For the Week Ending May 18, 2014

PLANTING OF COTTON AND SOYBEANS IN FULL SWING

Heavy rainfall at mid week hampered field work. Corn producers were winding down their planting, while cotton and soybean planting continued early in the week. Wheat and pastures continue to flourish from adequate moisture. Pastures are in mostly fair to good condition. Topsoil moisture levels were rated 6 percent short, 72 percent adequate and 22 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were rated 6 percent short, 79 percent adequate, and 15 percent surplus. There were 3.5 days suitable for field work last week.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2013	Five Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Percent					Percent					
Corn - Planted	93	87	77	85	Pasture	-	6	26	60	8
Corn - Emerged	76	53	54	72	Wheat	-	2	17	60	21
Cotton - Planted	48	26	12	33						
Winter Wheat - Headed	90	68	93	96						
Soybeans - Planted	23	13	8	21						
Soybeans -Emerged	10	N/A	3	9						

County Agent Comments

The farmers in Fayette County are waiting for the fields to dry out enough to spray and resume planting. The crops look good for the most part. Some soybeans that were planted at the end of April will be replanted.

Jeff Via, Fayette County

Producers’ great planting process came to a complete stop county wide due to the mid week rains.

Walter Battle, Haywood County

This week has been a very wet week. Not much has been done in the fields as far as planting. Cattle and pasture still look good.

Jake Mallard, Madison County

Repeated rain events have stopped all fieldwork. Some planting of corn and soybeans took place early in the week. Producers are looking for sunshine and warmer temperatures to get planting back on track.

Jeff Lannom, Weakley County

Tobacco growers made good progress setting last week. Fungicide applications were made on wheat as scheduled. The spring hay crop looks like it may be short this year. Strawberry harvest has begun and crops that were frost-protected look good.

Paul Hart, Robertson County

Cooler temperatures and adequate rainfall have greatly improved pasture conditions.

David Cook, Davidson County

Producers have not been in the field much this week. It rained about an inch which was needed. We have hay that is ready to be cut, but we haven’t had the weather to do it. Our hay looks short due to the cool spring.

Larry Moorehead, Moore County

Heavy rain mid week stopped most field work. Corn planting has been mostly completed and producers are getting a good start on other crops. A few early cuttings of fescue and orchard grass that have been made so far have yielded less than normal. Strawberries are looking good and demand for them has been strong.

Mitchell Mote, Rutherford County

It was a good week for planting crops and harvesting hay before the rains came. Pasture growth is slightly improved but more rain is needed.

John Wilson, Blount County

We got about 2 inches of rain this week. We are still about 3 inches short of average and more rain is needed. No hay has been harvested this week due to spotty showers.

John Goddard, Loudon County

TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION

For week ending: May 18, 2014 (with comparisons)

LOCATION	TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION					
	Week Ending May 18, 2014				Current Week 05/18/14	Rain Days	Current Since January 1	Departure From Normal January 1	Current Since April 1	Departure From Normal April 1
	HI	LO	AVG	DFN						
West										
Ames_Plantation	88	60	73	9	0.09	1	20.58	-1.51	5.99	-1.60
Bolivar_Wtr_Wks	87	50	71	6	0.11	1	20.85	-0.74	4.93	-2.30
Brownsville	88	57	74	8	0.31	1	19.69	-1.00	5.58	-1.30
Covington_3SW	87	57	71	6	0.62	1	17.99	-3.18	5.91	-1.37
Dresden	86	59	72	8	0.70	3	19.50	-1.22	7.12	0.06
Dyersburg_AP	88	61	74	7	1.01	3	14.75	-4.47	6.32	-0.23
Henderson_4W	88	53	70	6	0.32	2	24.46	3.78	6.36	-0.44
Huntingdon_Wate	89	54	73	11	0.69	3	19.12	-0.86	6.24	0.30
Jackson_Exp_Stn	90	53	73	8	0.42	2	18.35	-1.69	4.06	-2.10
Lexington_Ag	88	56	72	7	0.45	2	19.18	-0.72	6.23	-0.33
Memphis_WFO	90	59	74	9	0.31	1	20.89	0.18	6.37	-0.85
Milan_Exp_Stn	88	62	74	11	0.40	2	19.47	-0.93	5.92	-0.70
Paris_2SE	87	56	71	9	0.99	3	21.03	0.60	6.87	0.38
Selmer	89	51	72	8	0.07	1	17.54	-4.96	4.37	-2.81
Middle										
Bethpage_1S	87	46	68	5	0.34	2	19.90	-0.13	7.30	1.19
Carthage	87	50	70	8	0.08	1	18.77	-1.19	6.98	1.15
Centerville_4NE	86	49	69	5	0.04	1	22.08	1.03	9.56	2.82
Cheatham_L_D	88	50	69	9	0.30	1	18.53	-1.23	7.34	1.27
Clarksville_AP	86	57	73	9	0.49	1	14.60	-5.09	4.75	-1.23
Coalmont	81	49	67	5	0.05	1	21.17	-3.77	8.79	1.81
Columbia_3WNW	87	46	69	8	0.10	1	19.81	-2.29	7.07	0.23
Cookeville	85	47	68	6	0.05	2	18.69	-3.41	6.78	0.30
Crossville_AP	83	54	69	9	0.27	2	14.70	-7.35	5.87	-0.63
Dover_1W	86	56	72	9	0.82	3	18.91	-0.15	4.91	-0.58
Fayetteville_Wt	86	54	72	8	0.25	2	19.95	-2.20	9.88	3.69
Hohenwald	88	49	71	7	0.05	1	22.74	-0.20	9.45	2.26
Jamestown	85	49	69	9	0.05	1	19.12	-1.01	7.28	1.45
Kingston_Spring	88	52	71	9	0.17	2	19.09	-0.81	7.85	1.73
Lobelville	86	48	69	6	0.10	1	20.63	-1.16	7.39	0.86
Monteagle	82	52	68	7	0.01	1	21.25	-3.69	8.51	1.53
Murfreesboro_5N	87	49	69	6	0.15	2	17.99	-2.26	6.09	0.23
Nashville_Metro	88	57	73	9	0.11	2	19.47	1.28	7.41	1.75
Shelbyville_Wtr	88	54	71	8	0.20	2	15.68	-4.18	4.18	-0.87
Sparta_WWTP	87	49	69	6	0.81	2	21.40	-0.23	7.86	1.77
Springfield_Exp	89	60	74	12	0.51	2	19.98	0.71	6.43	0.28
Tennessee_Ridge	88	58	73	10	1.00	2	18.65	-2.83	6.26	-0.36
East										
Athens	88	49	69	7	0.30	2	17.51	-6.36	6.45	-0.10
Chattanooga_Lov	88	55	72	7	0.17	2	15.65	-6.53	5.64	-0.10
Gatlinburg_2SW	86	44	66	7	0.70	2	15.85	-5.04	4.27	-1.93
Greeneville_Exp	88	47	66	8	0.20	2	12.29	-4.03	4.07	-1.05
Kingston_Ag	88	47	69	8	0.70	2	17.04	-6.03	5.76	-0.72
Knoxville_AP	86	56	71	8	0.21	2	14.96	-4.40	4.69	-0.92
Lenior_City	87	53	70	7	0.36	1	15.99	-5.68	5.21	-0.97
Morristown_Radi	86	47	67	6	0.90	2	15.69	-2.13	4.78	-0.25
Oak_Ridge	88	57	72	9	0.16	1	16.27	-4.85	4.60	-1.49
Roan_Mtn_2SE	83	46	64	11	0.28	2	12.36	-6.32	3.72	-2.05
Rogersville_1NE	85	51	68	7	1.10	1	15.02	-2.17	5.03	-0.37

DFN = Departure from Normal (Using 1961-90 Normals Period). Rain Days = Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more during the week. Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) measured in inches.

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